



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

October 5, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the October 5, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for October 5, 2020**- Town Council
 - A.) Approval of September 8, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
5. **Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. for Re-Zoning Petition for 668 Dowdle Mountain Road**
 - A.) Board Action on Re-Zoning Petition for 668 Dowdle Mountain Road
6. **Public Session**
7. **Old Business:**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Leave Share Policy- Town Manager Summer Woodard
8. **New Business:**
 - A.) Update from Franklin Chamber of Commerce Regarding Annual Christmas Parade- Executive Director Linda Harbuck
 - B.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Bereavement Policy- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - C.) Discussion on Town of Franklin COVID-19 Expenditure- Town Manger Summer Woodard
9. **Legal**
 - A.) Discussion on Proposed Lease with Root and Barrel- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
10. **Adjourn**

October 5, 2020 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the October 5, 2020 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott said he'd like to add a street closing request as item 8(D).

Council Member Culpepper said to strike item 9(A).

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said discussion of 125 Dearmin Terrace could be inserted as 9(A).

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for October 5, 2020

- A.) Approval of the September 8, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. for Re-Zoning Petition for 669 Dowdle Mountain Road

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser explained that the parcel was being proposed to change from a R-1 to a C-2 zone.

Justin Hicks said that he was concerned about what he would be seeing out his front window.

Setser said that there is wording in the UDO that would require buffers in the event that the parcel is developed.

Mayor Scott declared the hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by McRae to approve the rezoning petition for 668 Dowdle Mountain Road to change from R-1 to C-2. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Nobody from the public spoke.

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Old Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Leave Share Policy

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Town Council that the proposed policy would allow employees to donate their vacation leave to another employee's sick leave in the event that certain criteria were met.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by McRae to approve the proposed Town of Franklin Leave Share Policy. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Policy is attached.

New Business: Update from Franklin Chamber of Commerce Regarding Annual Christmas Parade

Executive Director Linda Harbuck presented this item. She said that the Chamber would like to extend the route down the Highlands Road to provide spectators more room to spread out. She said they are also asking attendees to wear masks and social distance by using literature to be distributed.

Council Member Collins said that as long as the rules put in place by the Governor are followed that he didn't have a problem with it.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to allow various street closings to accommodate the Annual Christmas Parade. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Bereavement Policy

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to approve Town of Franklin Bereavement Policy as proposed. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Policy is attached.

New Business: Town of Franklin COVID-19 Expenditure

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore presented to the board, different options for informative signs that could be purchased with CARES Act funding. He said that Council had considered signage that could be used to convey different messages.

Moore said that the signs are turnkey operations and come with the trailer, sign, and generator. He said the expenditure needs to be submitted for reimbursement by the end of the year.

Moore said the typical DOT style sign is about \$15,000 to \$18,000. 6X12 color sign is \$33,000.

Council Member Collins said its orange and black vs. a TV screen. He said it could be used out on the road but could also be used on Town property to provide information. He said if there is \$40,000 available then now is the time to make the purchase.

Moore said the 6X12 color sign is \$33,000.

Council Member Horton asked how it would be taken care of if something goes wrong.

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Moore said the company has a 10-year warranty. He said the Town would also insure it.

Town Manager Summer Woodard said the COVID expenditure that is budgeted is \$40,000. If the Council wanted the 6X12 then the money is budgeted but if the Council wanted to go for two signs the rest could be funded from retained earnings.

Council Member Collins said he would like the \$33,000 (6X12) TV type option and the \$15,000 (6X12) standard DOT type option.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to purchase digital signs for \$33,899 and the smaller sign for around \$15,000 with any amount over \$40,000 coming from Water and Sewer's Retained Earnings. Motion carried Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Street Closing Request for Main Street Merchants For Trunk or Treat Event

Gwen Taylor presented this item. She said that the Main Street Merchants would like to close Main Street in order to host a Trunk or Treat Event on Saturday October 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the street closing request for Main Street from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on 125 Dearmin Terrace

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that or more than a year there have been nuisances on that property. He wanted to get the Council's authorization to move forward with a court order to require the property owner to comply with the Minimum Housing Standards.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to allow Henning Jr. to move forward with court proceedings to require the property owner to comply with Minimum Housing Standards. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adjournment

Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by Horton to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk